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ART UNIT 1742**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Jean-Paul Mardon et al.
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For : **ALLOY AND TUBE FOR NUCLEAR FUEL
ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME**

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SIR:

In response to a March 30, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application, please amend, without prejudice, the above-captioned application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims**, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.